

# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2022

## FAST FACTS\*

- o 100% College and Trade School Acceptance Rate
- o Top Quartile of SAT® Scores in EBRW and Math
- o 9th Grade Performs at College Level
- o Ranked in the Top 15% of High Schools in the U.S.
- o 100% of Students Enrolled in Advanced Diploma Track Graduate with College or AP Credits
- o Advanced/College Prep Diploma Tracks

## TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

- o ACSI Exemplary School Award for the use of Technology in Education
- o 100% of High School Students Receive Google Chromebooks
- o Mechanical Engineering Room—engineering design and hands-on projects
- o Science Labs
- o Art, Band, Music, Gym & Weight Room, Batting Cage, 3-in-1 Athletic Field (Baseball, Football, Soccer), Age-specific Playgrounds
- o 500-seat Performing Arts Venue, 360-seat Dining Room
- o Free access to Tutor.com—Individualized tutoring with a live teacher
- o Free access to RightNow Media—online Biblical studies and resources

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**BOCA RATON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (BRCS)** is a nationally recognized, accredited, Christ-centered college preparatory school. BRCS develops Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow, nurtures academic excellence and inspires Christian character.

**100% COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE\*** Ranked in the top 15% of *United States High Schools\**; BRCS provides advanced and college preparatory tracks, specialized ACT® and SAT® coaching, Science/Tech/Engineering/Arts/Math (STEAM), and on-campus college/high school dual enrollment classes. Students receive individual college counseling, tour colleges, and attend college fairs and adulting 101 seminars.

**TOP QUARTILE SAT SCORES 760–730\*** The top quartile of advanced diploma students scored between 760–730 on Evidence Based Reading Writing (EBRW) and 730–720 on Math SAT®.

**ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT\*** BRCS students attend college classes on the BRCS campus affording them college credit and the ability to enter college as a sophomore (combination of college credit, dual enrollment, and advanced placement). 100% HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED DIPLOMA STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE WITH COLLEGE or ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDITS.\*

**THREE GRADE LEVELS HIGHER\*** Ninth grade students perform three grades higher compared to the national average and tenth grade students are college ready\*\*.

**MILLIONS IN SCHOLARSHIPS\*** Parents know that investing in BRCS now means a higher likelihood of free college tuition later. Plus, BRCS graduates have a disciplined approach to learning, a Biblical worldview, tools to manage all situations with grace and ease, and honed coping skills to excel in college and career.

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**Our Mission** is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. **Our Vision** is to develop Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow. Boca Raton Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

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## LEADERSHIP

Wendy Stapleton, M.Ed.  
*Head of School*

Len Visser, M.Ed.  
*Assistant Head of School for Academics*

Steve Smith, M.Ed.  
*Assistant Head of School and  
High School Principal*

Ty Shiver, M.Ed.  
*Student Counseling Coordinator*

Elizabeth Petrocelli, B.A.  
*Director of Admissions & Marketing*

Joe Linton, M.Ed.  
*Diversity Coordinator*

## ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- Palm Beach County Green School of Excellence Award of Excellence in Teaching
- ACSI Exemplary School for use of Technology in Education
- National Council of Teachers for English 8X Award Winner for BRCS Literary Magazine
- Cogna
- Florida Council of Independent Schools
- Association of Christian Schools International
- Florida Music Education Association
- Florida Music Association

## CLASS INFORMATION

- 732 students at Boca Raton Christian School (52% diversity)
- 9–12 grades = 173
- Average Class Size = 15

## AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

- Deaver Foundation Award of Excellence in Teaching
- 55% of high school faculty and administrators have advanced degrees
- 100% of school administration has served at BRCS for over 20 years

**PARENTS' CHOICE** *In a 2021 BRCS survey to alumni parents, 95% recommend BRCS and 97% will recommend BRCS in the future.* Top five reasons: 1) Leader in faith-based education. 2) Good reputation for a balanced educational experience. 3) Known for whole child education. 4) Students graduate with good character. 5) Boca Raton Christian School education is worth the cost.

**WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION** *Students grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially* at BRCS regardless of pandemics, world disorder, politics, or societal opposition to Biblical truth. BRCS high school students perform up to three grade levels above national schools\*, assuring parents that BRCS keeps education moving forward.

**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW** *Students are encouraged to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.* Biblical principles and traditional values are integrated into the curriculum, exemplified in administration, faculty, and staff, demonstrated through service projects on and off campus, practiced in weekly chapel, and honed during Spiritual Emphasis activities. Families move children from other public and private schools to BRCS for this reason.

**COUNSELING SERVICES\*** The counseling staff supports students in navigating academic, social-emotional, career, and personal development goals, utilizing God's Word and the best counseling practices. All school counselors have a master's degree or higher.

**ADMISSIONS** Students are admitted based on family commitment to Christian education along with the student's academic history, conduct, and performance on standardized achievement tests.

**SECURITY** BRCS employs full-time security staff with prior law enforcement experience and first responder training. Exterior doors, gates, windows, and classrooms are locked, security cameras run 24/7, a badge is required to enter the building, or a visitor must be buzzed in, and visitor driver's licenses are screened.

**PARENTS ARE PARTNERS** Student success depends on your parental leadership and involvement. BRCS partners with you to uphold the highest standards and supports parental efforts to raise Christ-centered, well-rounded scholars.

**SCHOOL BACKGROUND** For 50 years, BRCS has offered a superior education on a spacious 21-acre campus in the heart of Boca Raton. BRCS is an independent PreK3–12th grade school and is a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church.

\*College acceptance = based on 2021 information. SAT® = based on 2021 & 2022 Advanced diploma BRCS students earning a score ranging between 760–730 on the EBRW portion of the college board SAT and Advanced diploma BRCS students earning a score ranging between 730–720 on the Math SAT®. Historically perfect SAT scores were in the years 2014, 2011, 2009, and 2007. Dual enrollment = based on 2021 & 2022 information and eligibility requirements including a 3.0 cumulative GPA and grade level (only Junior and Seniors are eligible). College credits = 100% of seniors enrolled in the Advanced Diploma will graduate with college credits or AP credits. Grade level performance = based on the highest grade level difference and highest percentage difference in grade level from the 2021 Terra Nova 3® Scores for Boca Raton Christian School compared to national schools. Scholarships = In 2021 & 2022, BRCS students received grants totaling \$2,362,368 and most students received multiple grants (as many as five grants each). Counseling Services = our resources and staff are not Psychologists or Psychiatrists. According to the 2021–2022 PreACT™ Educator Report

## GRADING SCALE & GPA

Grade	Percent	Standard	Honors	AP®/Dual	AP®/DualHPA
A	90–100	4.00	4.50	5.00	6.00
B	80–89	3.00	3.375	3.75	4.50
C	70–79	2.00	2.25	2.50	3.00
D	60–69	1.00	1.125	1.25	1.50

**Honors courses** receive 1.125 weight. **AP®/Dual Enrollment** courses receive 1.25 weight. **HPA (Honors Point Average)** is for Palm Beach County scholarships, and **AP®/DE** courses receive 1.50 weight. BRCS does not provide class rank, but does select a valedictorian and salutatorian based on weighted GPA.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY DIPLOMA TYPE

	ADVANCED	COLLEGE PREP	STANDARD
SUBJECT	CREDITS	CREDITS	CREDITS
Christian Studies	4	4	4
English	4	4	4
Math	4	4	4
Science	4	4	4
Social Studies	4	3	3
Performing Arts	1	1	1
Physical Ed. (HOPE)	1	1	1
World Language	2	2	0
Electives	3	3	6
TOTAL	27	26	26
Community Service	100 hrs (25/yr)	100 hrs (25/yr)	100 hrs (25/yr)

**BRCS is on a semester schedule** with one credit equal to 36 weeks of instruction delivered in 47-minute daily periods.

**The high school offers three diplomas:** Standard, College Preparatory, and Advanced.

**The Advanced Diploma requires credits in a minimum of six honors level courses,** Physics or AP®/Dual Enrollment Science, AP®/Dual Enrollment Math, and AP®/Dual Enrollment English or AP®/Dual Enrollment Social Science, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**32% of our high school students are enrolled in at least one Dual Enrollment course this academic year.** This figure represents 51% of the junior class and 83% of the senior class.

## NATIONAL AWARDS

Year graduated / class size	2018 / 39	2019 / 48	2020 / 19	2021 / 36
National Merit—Semifinalist				1
National Merit—Commended	2	1		1
National Hispanic Scholar	1			2
AP® Scholar—Distinction	4	3	1	3
AP® Scholar—Honors	1	1	3	2
AP® Scholar	4	2	3	12

## ACADEMICS

- Advanced, College Preparatory and Standard Diplomas
- Honors Courses and Honors Point Average (HPA)
- 14 Advanced Placement (AP®) Courses are offered
- 10 Dual Enrollment Courses—Students complete college courses on BRCS campus
- National Merit Awards
- National Hispanic Scholar Awards
- AP® Scholar with Distinction, AP® Scholar with Honor, and AP® Scholar Awards

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## 2021 & 2022 COLLEGE BOARD SAT® SCORES

	Top Quartile	Average
EBRW—Advanced Diploma	710–760	661
Math—Advanced Diploma	690–730	664
EBRW—All	650–760	587
Math—All	610–730	557

Boca Raton Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. 2022–2023 Demographics as reported to Data and Analysis of School Leadership (DASL): African American/Black 6%, Asian American 1%, Caucasian 48%, Latino-Hispanic 24%, multiracial 7%, and Other 14%.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### Christian Studies

DE Exploring the Bible<sup>1</sup>  
DE Intro to Christian Social Ministry<sup>1</sup>  
Jewish History  
Marriage & Family  
New Testament Survey  
Philosophy/Comparative Worldview  
DE Evangelism & Apologetics<sup>1</sup>  
Practical Ministry/Discipleship  
DE Principles of Leadership<sup>1</sup>

### English

AP® English Language & Composition  
AP® English Literature & Composition  
American Literature (Reg./Hon.)  
British Literature (Reg./Hon.)  
World Literature I (Reg./Hon.)  
World Literature II (Reg./Hon.)

### Mathematics

AP® Calculus AB & BC  
Algebra I (Reg./Hon.)  
Algebra II  
Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors

DE College Algebra<sup>1</sup>  
Geometry (Reg./Hon.)  
Introduction to College Algebra  
Pre-Calculus Honors  
DE Statistics<sup>1</sup>  
Statistic Honors  
DE Trigonometry & Analytical Geometry<sup>1</sup>

### Science

AP® Biology  
AP® Chemistry  
Anatomy & Physiology Honors  
Biology (Reg./Hon.)  
Chemistry (Reg./Hon.)  
Environmental Science  
Marine Science  
Physics Honors  
Earth Science (Reg./Hon.)

### Social Studies

AP® Microeconomics-FLVS  
AP® Psychology  
AP® European History  
AP® US History  
American Govt.  
American History (Reg./Hon.)  
Economics (Reg./Hon.)  
World History (Reg./Hon.)  
DE American Federal Govt.  
DE Lifespan Development

DE Criminal Law

### Physical Education

Health Opportunities through PE  
Interscholastic Sport Season (PE Waiver)

### Technology

AP® Computer Science Principles  
Digital Information Technology-FLVS

### Performing/Fine Arts

AP® Music Theory  
AP® Studio Art: 2D Design  
AP® Studio Art: Drawing  
Art History & Criticism Honors-FLVS  
Art I  
Band  
Chorus  
Creative Photography I-FLVS  
Debate  
Digital Art Imaging  
Drama  
Music Theory

### Public Speaking

Tech Theatre: Design &

Production for Theatre and Live Events

### World Language

French I, II, III-FLVS, IV-FLVS  
Latin I, II, III-all FLVS  
Mandarin Chinese I, II, III-all FLVS  
Spanish I, II, III, IV-FLVS  
\*Levels III & IV Honors, all languages

### Electives

Driver Education/  
Traffic Safety-FLVS  
Personal Financial Literacy-FLVS  
Introduction to Engineering  
Honors Journalism (Yearbook)  
Principles of Entrepreneurship  
Sports & Recreation Marketing

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<sup>1</sup> **Dual enrollment** courses in cooperation with Palm Beach Atlantic University on Boca Christian campus. **Other dual enrollment** courses available through FAU and PBSC upon approval by Guidance Department. Students must be able to travel to FAU/PBSC.

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# RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES\*

## CHRISTIAN/CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Baylor University  
Biola University  
Charleston Southern University  
Covenant College

Houghton College  
LeTourneau University  
Liberty University  
Limestone University  
Messiah College  
Nyack College

Palm Beach Atlantic University, Honors  
Regent University  
The King's College  
**Wheaton College**

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

The American Musical & Dramatic Academy

### Amherst College

Auburn University  
Babson College  
Boston College

### Boston University

### Case Western Reserve University

### Columbia University

### Cornell University

### Dartmouth College

### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Florida State University, Honors

### Georgia Institute of Technology

Johns Hopkins University  
Loyola University, Chicago  
New York Film Academy

### New York University

### Northeastern University

Ohio State University  
Parsons School of Design  
Pennsylvania State University

### Pepperdine University

### Rice University

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University

Savannah College of Art & Design

### Smith College

Southern Methodist University  
The Citadel

### Tufts University

### Tulane University

### University of Florida

University of Miami

### University of North Carolina

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\* This is not a complete list of Boca Raton Christian School's College Acceptances. **Italics** indicates universities and colleges that are ranked in the top 50 nationally.

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